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1. Through the initiative of Dagoberto Torres, Peruvian Socialist labor leader, representatives of both petroleum and mining workers held at least two conferences during the last of April 1950, for the purpose of forming a new labor organization which would be known as the Frente Nacional de Trabajadores or National Front of Workers.
2. Torres told the oil and mine workers that such an organization would have the blessings of Vicente Lombardo Toledano and the CTAL. Torres claims that in the recent CTAL conference in Montevideo, Lombardo stated that the Socialist Party of Peru defends the Peruvian proletariat and has set a good example of organization and fraternal solidarity.
3. The CTAL is reported by source to believe that the Peruvian labor movement is so badly divided that the Socialist Party of Peru and the labor syndicates it controls are the ones the CTAL should support. The recommendation was made to Lombardo by Salvador Amilio, who was previously reported to have visited Peru prior to the Montevideo conference with a mission in behalf of the CTAL.*
4. Representatives of the mining workers have agreed in principle to join the Socialist petroleum workers in the formation of a new labor organization and are in agreement with two recommendations advanced by the Socialists:
 - a. Nationalization of the mining and petroleum industries.
 - b. Participation in a general strike if the junta government does not force the foreign companies to comply with existing labor decrees.

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[redacted] Comment. The appearance of a new labor group on the Peruvian scene would mark the fifth such organization to enter the fight for control of Peru's disoriented labor. The factions already in existence are: Juan P. Luna's Comite de Defensa Sindical; the orthodox Communist Party' labor following with strength in Cuzco and Arequipa; the now weakened FUIS; and the dissident Communists of Cesar Angel Marin.

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